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British Medical Association.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF INSURANCE ACTS COMMITTEE, 1928-29.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION.

(Continuation of paras. 13-19 of Annual Report.)

73. The Committee is now in a position to place before the Conference and Panel Committee the wording of the proposed Article setting up new machinery for dealing with cases where a *prima facie* case exists for considering that a practitioner has failed to exercise reasonable care in the issue of a medical certificate. The draft is the outcome of discussions between the Committee, representatives of approved societies, and the Ministry. The latter has also been in separate consultation with the Approved Societies' Consultative Council and representatives of Insurance Committees.

74. It will probably not be out of place to state briefly the origin of the draft Article. At the 1926 Panel Conference Sir Walter Kinnear of the Ministry of Health drew attention to the great increase in the amount expended by approved societies in that year on sickness benefit as compared with the previous year, which fact had given rise to considerable anxiety. Sir Walter Kinnear, in effect, asked the representatives present to use their influence with their colleagues to be careful in the matter of certifying insured persons as being unfit for work.

75. At that time certain sections of those interested in the work of the National Health Insurance Acts expressed the view, both orally and in the press, that the increased claims for sickness benefit were due in no inconsiderable part to laxity of certification on the part of insurance practitioners. In order to endeavour to ascertain the cause of the great increase in the number of sickness claims, Sir Arthur Robinson asked representatives of the Committee to confer with him with this end in view. The outcome of these discussions substantiated the view taken by the Committee that the general body of insurance practitioners in the country had not altered its standard of certification and commenced certifying insured persons as incapable of work when they were not so incapable.

76. Realising, however, that a certain amount of laxity in certification had always existed, representatives of the Committee discussed with the Ministry, and, later, with representatives of approved societies, certain suggestions for the improvement generally of certification, and these were reported to the Conference in October last. Proposals were put forward then which were approved by the Conference on the assurance given by the Chairman of the Committee that regulations embodying the proposals would be put before this year's Conference in order that Panel Committees might have an opportunity of criticising them.

77. The draft regulations now placed before the Conference provide for questions of certification of a professional nature being considered by Panel Committees, or any other Committee formed in respect of two or more insurance areas, which the Ministry recognises for the purpose of dealing with these complaints, and for the Panel Committee's decision and recommendation going direct to the Minister.

78. The Committee hopes that with the adoption of the proposal any small amount of laxity which exists in connection with certification will disappear, to the advantage of all parties. The addition to existing Article 32 is consequent upon the adoption of the new Article.

79. As the Committee has so far only dealt with the Ministry of Health, the Article only applies to England and Wales, but the question of its adoption in Scotland will be the subject of negotiations with the Department of Health for Scotland in the immediate future.

The Committee therefore recommends:—

(Recommendation D): That the Conference approve of the draft Article set out below, as amended, and empower the Insurance Acts Committee, if necessary, to vary the wording thereof in order to bring it into line with a similar arrangement now being negotiated with the Department of Health for Scotland:—

(1) Where it appears to the Minister, after an investigation of the medical certificates issued under these regulations by an insurance practitioner to insured persons on his list, or to persons for whose treatment he is responsible under these regulations, that there is a *prima facie* case for considering that the practitioner has failed to exercise reasonable care in the issue of such certificates, the Minister may refer the matter for consideration to the Panel Committee (or to any other Committee formed for two or more counties which is in his opinion not less representative than the several Panel Committees for such areas of the practitioners who have entered into agreements with the several Insurance Committees for such areas for the treatment of insured persons, and any reference in this Article to the Panel Committee shall be construed as including any such other Committee).

(2) Any reference to the Panel Committee under the preceding paragraph shall be accompanied by a statement indicating the matters on which it appears to the Minister that an explanation is required.

(3) (a) The Panel Committee shall furnish the practitioner concerned with a copy of the said statement and shall afford him reasonable opportunity of submitting to them a statement in writing and of appearing before and being heard by them.

(b) A copy of any such statement by the practitioner shall be forwarded to the Minister by the Panel Committee for his observations, and a representative or representatives of the Minister shall be entitled in case of a hearing to attend and be heard by the Panel Committee.

(4) (a) After duly considering the case the Panel Committee shall draw up a report of their findings on the question whether there has been a failure on the part of the practitioner to exercise reasonable care in certification, and if so, what is the extent and gravity of the failure, together with a recommendation as to the action, if any, which should be taken by the Minister either by withholding money from the Committee under the provisions of paragraph (6) of this Article, or otherwise as the Panel Committee may think fit.

(b) The Panel Committee shall forward the report to the Minister and shall furnish the practitioner with a copy of the report.

(5) (a) The practitioner shall be entitled to appeal against any findings of the Panel Committee contained in the report by sending to the Minister notice of appeal within one month from the date on which a copy of the report was received by him, and the provisions of Article 42 (5) relating to the determination of appeals shall apply accordingly.

(b) If the Minister is dissatisfied with any findings or recommendation of the Panel Committee in any case referred by him to that Committee under paragraph (1) of this Article, he may appoint a person or persons to hear and determine the matter in the manner provided in the last preceding paragraph, and the provision of that paragraph shall apply accordingly.

(6) After consideration of the findings and recommendation of the Panel Committee or, if an appeal has been made, of the findings of the person or persons determining the appeal, the Minister may, if he is satisfied that there has been a failure on the part of the practitioner to exercise reasonable care in certification, withhold such amount as he thinks fit from the money payable for the purposes of medical benefit to the Committee, and the provisions of Article 41, including the practitioner's right to make representations to the Minister, shall apply accordingly, provided that, in lieu of any reference to the Advisory Committee constituted under Article 41, cases arising under this Article shall be referred by the Minister to an Advisory Committee consisting of not more than persons, of whom shall be nominated by a body which is in the Minister's opinion representative of the general body of insurance practitioners, by Approved Societies, and by the Insurance Committees in England and Wales.

(Recommendation E): That the Conference approve the following consequential addition to existing Article 32:—

32 (3) Where the action of a practitioner in issuing a Medical Certificate under these Regulations has been referred for the consideration of a Panel Committee under Article of these Regulations, such action shall not form the subject of an investigation by the Medical Service Sub-Committee under this Article.

Examination of Insured Persons at Home and Surgery.

79A. At the Conference above referred to between representatives of the Committee and representatives of the Ministry and Approved Societies, the latter proposed that on the form of certificate (Form Med. 40) there should be inserted in a suitable place the alternative words "at your residence," "at my surgery," in order that the deletion by a practitioner of the inappropriate words would be an indication to the society as to where the examination took place. The societies urged that if they had some such indication it would enable them to exercise a greater amount of discretion in referring cases to Regional Medical Officers, as an examination of a few certificates would indicate that the member had been visited at his home for a few weeks, in which case it would not be necessary to refer it to the Regional Medical Officers. The Committee having ascertained that there is no risk of a practitioner being penalized who omits to strike out the inappropriate words feels that the proposal is one which should receive the approval of the Conference.

The Committee recommends:—

(Recommendation F): That the Conference approves the insertion in a suitable place in Form Med. 40, the alternative words "at your residence," "at my surgery."

NATIONAL FORMULARY.

(Continuation of paras. 40-43 of Annual Report.)

80. The Committee is pleased to report the undoubted success of the recently-issued National Formulary for National Health Insurance purposes. The formulary has already been adopted in nearly 50 out of the 128 insurance areas in England, and is likely to be adopted in the bulk of the remainder at an early date. The first 10,000 copies were exhausted some weeks ago, necessitating a further reprint.

DANGEROUS DRUGS ACTS REGULATIONS.

(Continuation of paras. 44-45 of Annual Report.)

81. Insurance and other medical practitioners have voiced their opinions in no uncertain manner as to certain unsatisfactory provisions of the Dangerous Drugs Acts and Regulations, so much so that a resolution urging the Council of the Association to take action in the matter was passed at the A.R.M. in July, 1929, on identical terms with the recommendation submitted below for consideration by the Conference.

82. It is felt that the existing requirement whereby all preparations containing any proportion of heroin are made subject to the Dangerous Drugs Regulations are unnecessary and should be brought into line with the requirements applicable to morphine and its salts, *i.e.*, that only preparations which contain one-fifth per cent. or more of morphine and its salts come under the operation of these Acts and Regulations.

83. The legislation in question was adopted for Great Britain consequent upon deliberations of the International Hague Convention, and the Association is of opinion that the British Government should not enter into obligations under the International Convention involving medical questions until the opinion of the British medical profession had been ascertained. The Committee hopes, therefore, the Conference will pass in no uncertain voice the following recommendation as to the above, supporting the Council of the Association in its action:—

(Recommendation G): That the Conference supports the Council of the British Medical Association in its effort to obtain amendment of Section 3 of the 1925 Dangerous Drugs Act, and recommends that heroin and its salts should come under the same conditions as morphine and its salts; also that the Council should on all possible occasions urge the Government not to enter into International Conventions involving medical questions until the opinion of the medical profession has been ascertained.

STATISTICS.

84. The Committee, at the request of the Conference, has for some years now been engaged in collecting statistics as to the attendance given by insurance practitioners to insured persons. Difficulty was experienced, however, in securing an adequate number of practitioners willing to undertake the arduous work of recording attendances and visits given by them to their insured patients. The Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the labour of those practitioners who have taken the trouble to keep a record of their work in this connection. A special appeal made in the Autumn of 1928 to Panel Committees resulted in a considerable increase in the number of practitioners furnishing statistics in respect of 1929. The number is still below the minimum which the Committee considers necessary, namely, ten per cent. of the practitioners on the medical list in each area.

85. It must be realised that unless the Committee has the support of the Panel Committees and their constituents in this matter it cannot secure the necessary data which it has been instructed by the Conference to obtain. The Committee has thought it advisable, therefore, to publish the appended statement as to the activities of Panel Committees throughout the country in this matter. (See Appendix.)

APPENDIX.

REPORT FOR 1929 AS TO POSITION OF THE VARIOUS AREAS IN FURNISHING STATISTICS AS TO WORK UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS.

The total number of individual practitioners furnishing statistics upon the monthly record cards at 26th August, 1929, was 902, comprising 267 practitioners furnishing rural statistics and 635 urban statistics. The corresponding figures for 1928 were 270 urban and 85 rural, making in all a total of 355.

Quota for England and Wales, 1929	2141
Number of practitioners furnishing statistics ...	798 or 37·27%
Quota for Scotland during 1929	290
Number of practitioners furnishing statistics ...	104 or 35·86%

The following table shows the position of each area as at 26th August, 1929:—

Area.	Quota.	Number of Practitioners furnishing Statistics.	
Bedfordshire ...	11	—	
Berkshire	16	12	
Buckinghamshire...	17	14	
Cambridgeshire ...	7	—	(Commencing 1930)
Cheshire	44	4	
Cornwall	17	—	
Cumberland ...	12	2	
Derbyshire... ...	32	33	
Devonshire... ...	28	—	
Dorset	17	6	
Durham	46	—	
Essex	58	2	
Gloucestershire ...	23	3	
Hampshire... ...	29	1	
Herefordshire ...	8	8	
Hertfordshire ...	23	32	
Huntingdonshire ...	3	3	
Isle of Ely	4	4	
Isle of Wight ...	5	2	
Kent	58	—	
Lancashire... ...	136	12	
Leicestershire ...	22	17	
Lincs. (Holland) ...	5	—	
Lincs. (Kesteven)...	7	4	
Lincs. (Lindsey) ...	15	2	
London	201	27	
Middlesex	93	1	
Norfolk	20	11	
Northants	15	11	
Northumberland ...	26	21	
Nottinghamshire ...	30	28	
Oxfordshire ...	12	6	
Rutland	2	—	
Salop	13	17	
Soke of Peterboro'	3	3	
Somerset	26	2	
Staffordshire ...	45	22	
Suffolk, East ...	13	2	
Suffolk, West ...	7	7	
Surrey	49	19	
Sussex, East ...	24	6	
Sussex, West ...	15	3	
Warwickshire ...	29	24	
Westmorland ...	6	5	
Wiltshire	15	—	(Collecting locally)
Worcestershire ...	24	30	
Yorks. (E.R.) ...	8	7	
Yorks. (N.R.) ...	19	—	
Yorks. (W.R.) ...	92	73	
Barnsley	3	—	
Barrow	2	—	
Bath	3	—	
Birkenhead ...	8	—	
Birmingham ...	40	20	
Blackburn ...	6	5	
Blackpool	5	1	
Bolton	11	—	
Bootle	6	3	
Bournemouth ...	8	8	
Bradford	14	—	
Brighton	7	—	
Bristol	15	8	
Burnley	5	2	
Burton-on-Trent ...	2	—	
Bury	4	—	
Canterbury ...	1	1	
Carlisle	2	2	
Chester	2	3	
Coventry	7	1	
Croydon	15	3	
Darlington ...	3	—	
Derby	4	2	
Dewsbury	5	5	
Dudley	4	3	
Doncaster	3	—	(Collecting locally)
Eastbourne ...	3	3	
East Ham	10	2	
Exeter	3	—	
Gateshead	6	12	
Gloucester	1	—	
Great Yarmouth ...	2	5	
Grimsby	4	7	
Halifax	6	—	
Hastings	3	—	(Collecting locally)
Huddersfield ...	7	3	
Ipswich	2	—	
Kingston-on-Hull...	9	4	
Leeds	23	3	
Leicester	11	8	
Lincoln	2	—	(Collecting locally)
Liverpool	30	1	
Manchester ...	37	26	
Middlesbrough ...	5	4	
Newcastle-on-Tyne	13	9	
Northampton ...	3	—	
Norwich	3	2	
Nottingham ...	12	17	
Oldham	8	3	
Oxford	4	—	
Plymouth	7	5	
Portsmouth ...	9	—	
Preston	6	—	
Reading	4	11	
Rochdale	6	2	
Rotherham ...	4	2	
St. Helens	4	—	
Salford	13	7	
Sheffield	18	11	
Smethwick ...	6	1	
Southampton ...	6	6	
Southend	7	—	
Southport	5	—	
South Shields ...	5	2	
Stockport	8	8	
Stoke-on-Trent ...	12	9	
Sunderland ...	5	3	
Tynemouth ...	4	—	
Wakefield	2	2	
Wallasey	5	—	
Walsall	5	—	
Warrington ...	3	3	
West Bromwich ...	5	4	
West Ham... ...	12	—	
West Hartlepool ...	2	1	
Wigan	6	—	
Wolverhampton ...	7	7	
Worcester	2	2	
York	4	1	
Anglesey	3	4	
Breconshire ...	5	—	
Cardiganshire ...	4	2	
Carmarthenshire ...	10	1	
Carnarvonshire ...	9	1	
Denbighshire ...	11	1	
Flintshire	7	—	
Glamorganshire ...	33	1	
Merioneth	4	2	
Monmouthshire ...	17	—	
Montgomeryshire	4	5	
Pembroke	4	2	
Radnorshire ...	2	—	
Cardiff	9	14	
Swansea	7	—	
Newport	3	2	
Merthyr Tydfil ...	3	1	
Aberdeenshire ...	12	—	
Argyllshire ...	5	—	
Ayrshire	12	15	
Banffshire	3	3	
Berwickshire ...	3	1	
Bute	1	—	
Caithness	1	—	
Clackmannan ...	3	—	
Dumbartonshire ...	8	—	
Dumfriesshire ...	4	—	
East Lothian ...	4	2	
Fifeshire	12	2	
Forfarshire ...	8	1	
Inverness	5	6	
Kincardine ...	4	—	
Kirkcudbright ...	3	4	
Lanarkshire ...	10	11	
Mid Lothian (Ed. Cnty.)	8	—	
Moray and Nairn ...	4	1	
Orkney	2	—	
Peebles	2	—	

Area.	Quota.	Number of Practitioners furnishing Statistics.
Perthshire	10	9
Renfrewshire ..	17	6
Ross and Cromarty	3	— (Collecting locally)
Roxburghshire ...	4	3
Selkirk	2	1
Stirling	8	—
Sutherland... ...	1	—
West Lothian (Linlithgow)	3	—
Wigtown	2	—
Zetland	1	—
Aberdeen	7	5
Airdrie	2	—
Arbroath	1	—
Ayr	2	1
Clydebank	2	—
Coatbridge... ...	3	—
Dumbarton ...	1	—
Dumfries and Maxwelltown ...	1	—
Dundee	8	6
Dunfermline ...	2	—
Edinburgh	19	19
Falkirk	2	—
Glasgow	51	—
Greenock	3	4
Hamilton	2	—
Inverness	1	—
Kilmarnock ...	2	2
Kirkcaldy	2	2
Motherwell and Wishaw	4	—
Paisley	4	—
Perth	2	1
Rutherglen ...	3	—
Stirling	1	—

British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Dr. W. J. Mayo's Visit to the Manchester Meeting.

Appreciation of the value of his recent visit to this country is expressed by Dr. W. J. Mayo in an article published in the issue for August 21st of the *Proceedings of the Staff Meetings of the Mayo Clinic*, a weekly publication. Dr. Mayo comments on the contributions to medical science of France, Germany, Scotland, England, Wales, and Ireland; he makes special mention of the hospitals of Great Britain, and of Guy's Hospital in particular. In a short account of the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association at Manchester ("one of the finest meetings of any medical society I ever had the pleasure of attending") he says that these congresses seem to him to be more formal than are the corresponding ones held in the United States; he was particularly impressed by the procession to Manchester Cathedral. With regard to the scientific programme of the Annual Meeting, which he describes as most interesting, he writes: "I will reserve some future time to comment on the papers that were presented and the methods of presenting them, noting now only that the meetings were called on time, the men held to their time, most of them spoke without manuscript, and the programme covered not only a wide range of subjects, but brought in papers and discussions on ancillary sciences which were most illuminating."

Annual Meeting of the Association Professionnelle Internationale des Médecins.

The annual meeting of the A.P.I.M. was held this year in Berlin, at the house of the Medical Chamber of the Province of Brandenburg, from September 26th to 28th. The president was Dr. Farkas (representative of Jugoslavia), and there were also present representatives from Austria, Dantzig, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland. The representative of Greece was prevented from attending on account of illness, and Greece and Poland were represented by deputies in the persons of Dr. Decourt of France and Dr. Alfred Cox of Great Britain. There are now 29 national groups affiliated to the association. The proceedings included discussions of reports on the subjects about which questionaries had been issued during the preceding year—namely, the illegal exercise of the profession of medicine; legal defence of the individual doctor; administrative measures for the reduction of maternal mortality; the methods of dealing with road accidents; and a day was taken up in discussing reports from the various countries on the question of national health insurance, a subject of acute and, indeed, painful interest in several of the countries. An assistant secretary of the International Labour Office at Geneva attended, and discussed with the conference the relations of his Office with the A.P.I.M. In view of the growing importance of the relations of the International Labour Office with the subject of social insurance, it was resolved to hold the next meeting of the conference at Geneva, beginning October 9th, 1930. The president at that conference will be Dr. Rystedt of Sweden. A full report of the conference will be presented later by the Medical Secretary to the Council of the British Medical Association.

The Library of the Association.

The attention of members is directed to the fact that the Library and Reading Room of the Association has been transferred to the Hastings Hall and has been entirely refurnished and refitted. A separate table is now provided for each reader, so that he or she may work in comfort and quiet. The Library contains over 30,000 volumes, including books in all branches of medicine, and a collection of *Thèses de Paris* (1892–1929) and *Thèses de Lyon* (1894–1919) believed to be unique in this country. The aim is to provide a really practical up-to-date service, and thus the facilities offered are being continually extended as the demand increases. Every important medical book in the English language is added on publication, and most of the leading medical periodicals of the world are taken. The Librarian and Assistant Librarian are in attendance, and are always willing to assist members in the selection or location of modern books or to find references on any medical subject. The Library is open from 10 a.m to 6.30 p.m. (Saturdays until 1 p.m.).

Lending Library.

In addition to the facilities whereby members can consult books, etc., in the Library, books in all branches of medicine and the allied sciences can be obtained on loan by members free of charge (other than any postage). Volumes may ordinarily be retained for a period of twenty-eight days, but if a particular book is in urgent demand by other members the Librarian has power to recall it after fourteen days. The facilities thus provided are being made use of to an increasing extent. All communications about the borrowing or returning of books should be addressed to the Librarian at the Association's House.

The Association's Annual Handbook for 1929-30.

The Annual Handbook of the British Medical Association for 1929–30 is now available. Copies can be had by members, gratis and post free, on application to the Medical Secretary, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. Primarily intended as a work of reference for honorary secretaries of Divisions and Branches and other workers of the Association, the Handbook should prove of interest and assistance to all members. The new edition is revised throughout. It contains the decisions of the Representative Body of the Association on matters of policy; a sketch of the constitution and working of the Association, local and central; lists of the members of Council and central committees, and of officers and officials, local and central; a brief record of some of the work of the Association in the past year; and other information about the doings of the Association.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH.—A meeting of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch with the Cambridge Medical Society will be held at Addenbrooke's Hospital to-day (Friday, October 4th), at 2.30 p.m. Agenda: Lecture by Mr. Hainstock Anderson entitled "Pure milk"; consideration of letter from Fellowship of Medicine deferred from last meeting.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Bournemouth Division will be held in the Town Hall at 8.15 p.m. to-day (Friday, October 4th). A lecture will be given by Dr. Amrein, medical superintendent of the Altein Sanatorium, Arosa, Switzerland, on the high altitude treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides, and allusion will be made to special therapeutic measures, such as thoracoplasty, pneumothorax, and phrenicotomy.

ESSEX BRANCH: SOUTH ESSEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Essex Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Westcliff, on Tuesday, October 8th. The Deputy Medical Secretary will give an address on hospital problems.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—The annual dinner of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch will be held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on the evening of Saturday, December 7th. Among the guests who are expected to attend are the President of the Association, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, and the Mayors of Salford and Preston.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MANCHESTER DIVISION.—A meeting of the Manchester Division will be held on Wednesday, October 9th, at 9 p.m., at the Booth Hall Infirmary, Charlestown Road, Blackley, when a biological film (cinematograph) demonstration will be given by Dr. J. Stanley White. Tea and coffee will be served at 8.30. Car park available.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital on Friday, October 11th, at 4.30 p.m., when the lecturer, Mr. W. H. McCullagh, will deal with gynaecology. Tea at 4 p.m. The following programme of meetings has been arranged for the session 1929–30:

Nov.	5th.	Dr. A. C. Roxburgh: Paper.
Dec.	3rd.	Mr. C. P. G. Wakeley: The surgical affections of the salivary glands (lantern slides).
Dec.	5th.	Annual Dinner, Trocadero Restaurant.
Jan.	7th.	President's Address.
Feb.	4th.	Sir Thomas Horder, Bt.: Common errors in cardiac diagnosis.
Mar.	4th.	Discussion on topical subject by Division.
April	1st.	Mr. McAdam Eccles: Anatomy in relation to the treatment of hernia.
May	6th.	Professor F. R. Fraser: Paper.
June	3rd.	Annual General Meeting.
July	1st.	Dr. H. C. Lucey: Pathological specimens.

The meetings will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital at 9.30 p.m. Clinical meetings will be held in conjunction with the Aesculapian Society at the hospital at 4.30 p.m. on the Friday of the week following the evening meetings.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—A special meeting of the Hampstead Division will be held at Hampstead General Hospital on Thursday, October 10th, at 8.30 p.m., to receive a report from the representatives on the Annual Representative Meeting held at Manchester last July. The meeting will be followed at 9.15 by an ordinary meeting, at which the chairman, Dr. Leonard Willox, will give an inaugural address on myocardial degeneration.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—The first meeting of the session of the Lewisham Division will be held on Tuesday, October 15th, at 3.30 p.m., at the Wellcome Museum of Medical Science, Endsleigh Court, 33, Gordon Street, W.C.1. Dr. S. H. Daukes will conduct the party round the museum. Tea will be served.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS DIVISION.—The first meeting of the new session of the St. Pancras Division will be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on Tuesday, October 8th, at 9 p.m. Dr. Eric Pritchard will give an address on infant feeding.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on Wednesday, October 9th, at 3.30 p.m., for general business. At 3.45 Dr. T. A. Ross of the Cassel Hospital for Functional Nervous Disorders will read a paper on the diagnosis and treatment of functional nervous disorder in general practice.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South-West Essex Division will be held at the Wesleyan Schoolrooms, High Road, Leyton, on Tuesday, October 15th, at 9.15 p.m. Sir Thomas Horder, Bt., will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of encephalitis.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WEST MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Middlesex Division will be held at the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Mattock Lane, Ealing, on Thursday, October 10th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. J. Stanley White will exhibit the film entitled "How biological products are made," and will read a paper on some recent aspects of biological therapy.

MIDLAND BRANCH: CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.—The following programme of meetings has been arranged for the winter session 1929–30:

Oct.	4th.	8.15 p.m., at the Maternity Hospital. Address by Mr. W. W. King (honorary surgeon to the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield): Practical ante-natal care and its limitations.
Oct.	25th.	8.15 p.m., at the Maternity Hospital. B.M.A. Lecture by Sir James Purves-Stewart: Pneumo-radiographic studies of the brain.
Nov.	22nd.	8.15 p.m., at the Maternity Hospital. Address by Mr. G. E. Larks (Ipswich): Injection treatment of varicose veins.
Dec.	20th.	8.15 p.m., at the Maternity Hospital. Address by Dr. T. L. Llewellyn (North Midland Coal Owners' Indemnity Association): Miners' nystagmus.
Jan.	17th.	8.15 p.m., at the Maternity Hospital. Address by Dr. J. E. Harburn (Buxton): Spa treatment.
Feb.	14th.	8.15 p.m., at the Maternity Hospital. Address by Mr. Ernest Finch (honorary surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield): Enlarged prostate.
Mar.	14th.	8.15 p.m., at the Maternity Hospital. Address by Mr. M. H. Phillips (honorary surgeon to the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield): Problems in midwifery.
April	11th.	8.15 p.m., at the Maternity Hospital. Address by Dr. E. F. Skinner (honorary physician to the Royal Hospital, Sheffield): Neurasthenia.
April	25th.	Clinical Evening.
May	16th.	Clinical Evening.
May	30th.	Annual Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served at the evening meetings at 8 p.m. The annual dinner will take place in March or May, on a date to be announced later.

MIDLAND BRANCH: HOLLAND DIVISION.—Dr. J. Stanley White is giving an address—"Some recent aspects of biological therapy"—at Spalding on Friday, October 18th, at 3 p.m., when the film "How biological products are made" will be exhibited. Members of neighbouring Divisions will be welcomed.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—A special autumn meeting of the Branch will be held at Colwyn Bay to-day (Friday, October 4th), when a British Medical Association Lecture on radium will be delivered by Mr. H. S. Souttar, surgeon to the London Hospital.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.—Members are asked to note that the annual meeting and dinner of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch will be held in Shrewsbury on Tuesday, October 29th, at 6 and 7.30 p.m. respectively.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Portsmouth Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on Thursday, October 10th, at 9.30 p.m., preceded by a supper at 9 o'clock. An address will be given by Mr. Lockhart-Mummery on the causes and diagnosis of chronic obstruction of the colon. Members from other Divisions will be welcome, and on this occasion, the opening meeting of the session, non-members will be heartily welcome. Cost of supper 3s. 6d. (including gratuities). The Bishop of Portsmouth will unveil a window at St. James Church, Milton, on Friday, October 18th (St. Luke's Day), at 3.30 p.m., to the memory of the late Dr. B. H. Mumby, who died in 1914. Dr. Mumby was formerly a medical officer of health, and later medical superintendent of the borough mental hospital. He had held the rank of lieutenant-colonel R.A.M.C. (T.F.), 5th Southern General Hospital. He was a member of the Council of the British Medical Association, and had been secretary and chairman of the Portsmouth Division. He was also chairman of the Public Health Committee of the Association in 1913–14. It is hoped that the service on St. Luke's Day will become an annual event in Portsmouth. Medical men are asked to attend in their robes, meeting in the vestry for the procession. Nurses are asked to wear their uniforms. Other bodies ancillary to the medical profession are also invited to take part officially. The general public will be welcomed; on this occasion any public bodies associated with the late Dr. Mumby are asked to be present in their official capacities. Further particulars required can be obtained from the honorary secretary of the Portsmouth Division, 15, Brading Avenue, Southsea.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Swansea Division will take place at the Hotel Metropole on Thursday, October 17th, when Alderman David Williams, M.P., will be the chief guest.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—An intermediate meeting of the South-Western Branch will be held at the Museum Hall, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, on Tuesday, October 15th, at 3 p.m. Dr. E. C. Edwards, president of the Branch, will open a discussion on "The policy of the British Medical Association (as expressed at the Annual Representative Meeting) on the payment of medical staffs of hospitals under hospital contributory schemes."

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION.—The following programme of autumn meetings has been arranged:

Oct.	19th.	Mr. F. N. Doubleday—Lecture (with lantern slides): Dental sepsis.
Nov.	2nd.	Dr. A. Hope Gosse—Lecture: The value of radiography in the diagnosis of diseases of the chest.
Nov.	3rd.	Clinic: Diseases of the heart and lungs.
Nov.	9th.	Mr. A. J. McNair—Clinic (12 noon): Ante-natal and gynaecological cases; Lecture: The prevention of ill-health after childbirth.
Nov.	17th.	Sir Thomas Horder—Clinic: Medical cases.
Nov.	30th.	Mr. L. E. Barrington-Ward—Lecture: The treatment of tuberculous glands in the neck of children.
Dec.	1st.	Clinic: Surgical cases—children.
Dec.	14th.	Sir Charles Gordon-Watson—Lecture: Radium in the treatment of cancer of the rectum.
Dec.	15th.	Clinic: Surgical cases.

The course will be held at the West Suffolk General Hospital, and the lectures begin at 8.45 p.m. Sunday clinics begin at 11 a.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH: HEREFORD DIVISION.—The post-graduate lecture arranged under the auspices of the University of Birmingham, at the Herefordshire General Hospital, on Friday, October 11th, at 3 p.m., will be given by Dr. P. C. Cloake on modern methods in the treatment of nervous diseases.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SHEFFIELD DIVISION.—Dr. H. C. Cameron will deliver a British Medical Association Lecture on diathesis in childhood to the Sheffield Division on Friday, November 1st, at 8.45 p.m., at the University.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—The following programme has been arranged for the session 1929–30:

Oct. 10th. British Medical Association Lecture by Professor John Fraser (Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery, University of Edinburgh): Some surgical considerations of local and general infections.
Nov. 7th. Clinical Meeting at Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, by arrangement with the honorary staff, 3 p.m.
Dec. 5th. Lecture by Dr. J. T. Ingram (physician to the Dermatological Department, Leeds General Infirmary): Psoriasis.
Jan. 9th. Clinical Meeting at the Wakefield Maternity Hospital at 3 p.m. Dr. A. M. Claye (tutor in obstetrics, Leeds University): Ante-natal supervision.
Feb. 6th. Lecture by Mr. D. Chamberlain (assistant surgeon, Leeds General Infirmary): Radium in the treatment of cancer.
Mar. 6th. Lecture by Mr. C. Oldfield (professor of gynaecology, Leeds University): Backache in women.
April 10th. Lecture by Dr. Wilfred Edgecombe (consulting physician, Harrogate Infirmary): The spa treatment of chronic diseases.
May 8th. Annual Meeting.

With the exception of the clinical meetings, all meetings will be preceded by supper (3s.) at 7.45 p.m. The meetings on October 10th, 1929, and March 6th, 1930, will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Pontefract, and those on December 5th, 1929, and February 6th, April 10th, and May 8th, 1930, at the Strafford Arms Hotel, Wakefield.

Correspondence.

Salaries of Whole-time Public Health Medical Officers.

SIR,—It is a well-known fact that a few only of the assistants employed in the public health service can ever hope to have the good fortune of being the chief in a department, and yet it will be seen that in the recommendations agreed upon for presentation to the Representative Body of the British Medical Association and to the associations of the various local authorities the maximum salary suggested for assistants (Section 2) is £700 per annum, after reaching which they have to be at the mercy of the employing local authority for any further increase—that is, after sticking at £700 for four or five years. How many local authorities, I ask, will sanction a further increase (as suggested in Sections 1 and 2, paragraph 5) if they can possibly avoid it? Furthermore, there is no mention made of any recognition of long and faithful service under one authority, even though, as is usual, the duties and responsibilities of the assistants increase yearly, and in many instances are not confined to one special branch only of the service, but extend over all branches. For instance, an assistant may be under one authority for fifteen or twenty years and have to perform duties requiring efficiency in each branch of the service, and perhaps even deputize for the chief during his absence, and yet his salary, according to the recommendations, will only be £700 per annum until he retires on a pension.

It is to be earnestly hoped that such a fate is not to be the reward for long service and experience, and that prompt steps will be taken by all assistants, if not already too late, to have a saving clause or two added to the recommendations, such, for example, as "That officers included in Section 1, after serving ten or fifteen years under one authority, be put on the scale for those in Section 2, and likewise officers in Section 2, after ten or fifteen years' service, be put on the scale for those in Section 3," thereby giving them a chance of rising to a maximum of £700 (including emoluments) in the case of the resident group and £1,100 in the case of the non-resident group, after a period of about twenty years, by which time the maximum would have been well deserved.—I am, etc.,

September 17th. DISAPPOINTED ASSISTANT.

National Insurance.

LONDON INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Co-ordination of Health Services.

At the meeting of the London Insurance Committee on September 26th, endorsement was given to a resolution forwarded from the National Association of Insurance Committees that, having in view the administration of the Local Government Act, 1929, the co-ordination of local health services is desirable, and that there should be reciprocal arrangements for the co-option of members between insurance committees and local authorities. It appeared to the committee that the knowledge and experience gained by its members in connexion with the discharge of their administrative functions under the National Health Insurance Acts rendered them specially fitted for taking part in the duties which would be transferred to the London County Council under the new Act. It was agreed to ask the council to give careful consideration to the question of making provision for the direct representation of the Insurance Committee on the Public Assistance Committee and on the various local committees to be appointed, and also, if possible, on the Central Public Health Committee.

Employment of Assistants.

The committee, in a number of cases, withdrew a sanction previously given to practitioners to employ assistants. In most of the cases, since the sanction was given, the services of the assistant had been dispensed with, and the practitioner had entered into partnership with a colleague.

Disciplinary Action.

In two cases in which a breach of the medical certification rules was proved against a practitioner, the Minister of Health, on the request of the committee, decided to withhold in each case the sum of £5 from the money payable to the committee in respect of medical benefit with a view to a corresponding deduction being made from the remuneration of the practitioners. In four other cases in which practitioners had failed to furnish the regional medical officer within the time specified with certain required information in connexion with patients referred to him from approved societies, the Minister of Health decided not to withold remuneration on this occasion, but to warn the practitioners that if it was reported to him on a future occasion that they had failed to carry out their obligations, he would have no alternative but to take that course. The same procedure was followed in another case in which it was found that the medical records had not been kept by the practitioner in accordance with instructions. Out of 500 record cards examined, only 129 bore entries of attendances or visits over the period of twelve months.

In twelve cases in which prescriptions had been proved by the committee to have been wrongly dispensed, sums ranging from £1 to £3 were deducted from the remuneration of the chemists concerned. In four new cases investigated by the committee the chemists were cautioned or censured, in another case recommended for a fine, and in yet another case, in which inaccurate dispensing was proved, and also the fact that on three occasions the chemists had refused to accept insurance prescriptions presented to them, it was decided to make representations to the Minister that the continuance of this firm on the list of persons supplying drugs and appliances would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the pharmaceutical service of the insured.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

THE following books were received by the Library of the British Medical Association during April and May, 1929.

Anderson, J.: How to Stain the Nervous System. 1929.
Barnhill, J. F.: The Nose, Throat, and Ear. 1928.
Bennett, T. I.: Nephritis, its Pathology and Treatment. 1929.
Best, J. H.: From the Seen to the Unseen. 1929.
Bourne, G., and Stone, K.: The Principles of Clinical Pathology in Practice. 1929.
Bowen, W. P.: Applied Anatomy and Kinesiology. Fourth edition. 1929.
Brain, W. R., and Strauss, E. B.: Recent Advances in Neurology. 1929.
Braun, A.: Sinus Thrombophlebitis. 1928.
British Goat Society's Year Book. 1929.
Brouardel, Gilbert, and Thoinet: Nouveau Traité de Médecine, XXXII bis (Maladies du Cerveau). 1928.
Brumpt, E., and Neveu-Lemaire, M.: Travaux Pratiques de Parasitologie. 1929.
Capparelli, V.: L'Ordine dei Tempi e della Forme in Natura. Two volumes. 1928–29.
Carnot, P.: Stations Thermales du Centre de la France, Indications, Spécialisations. 1929.
Carnot, P., et al: Leçons du Dimanche. 1929.
Clairmont, P., Von den Velden, R., and Wolff P.: Die Bekämpfung des Blutverlustes durch Transfusion und Gefässfüllung. 1928.
Conybeare, J. J. (Editor): Textbook of Medicine. 1929.
Cruickshank, E. W. H.: Practical Biochemistry for Students. 1928.
Devine, H.: Recent Advances in Psychiatry. 1929.
Douthwaite, A. H.: The Injection Treatment of Varicose Veins. Fourth edition. 1929.
Emerson, C. P.: Physical Diagnosis. Second edition. 1929.
Emerson, L. E.: Physician and Patient. 1929.
Fletcher, J. M.: The Problem of Stuttering. 1928.
Fox, C.: Practical Psychology. 1928.
Fremantle, F. E.: Health of the Nation. Second edition. 1929.
Garnett, A. C.: Instinct and Personality. 1928.
Gould, Sir Alfred Pearce: Elements of Surgical Diagnosis. Seventh edition. Revised by Eric Pearce Gould. 1928.
Graham, E. A., Cole, W. H., Copher, G. A., and Moore, S.: Diseases of the Gall-bladder and Bile Ducts. 1929.
Greene, J. S., and Wells, E. J.: The Cause and Cure of Speech Defects. 1927.
Gregg, A. L.: Tropical Nursing. 1929.
Halliburton, W. D., and McDowall, R. J. S.: Handbook of Physiology. Eighteenth edition. 1928.
Heagerty, J. J.: Four Centuries of Medical History in Canada. Two volumes. 1928.
Honigmann, G. (Editor): Praktische Differentialdiagnostik. Bd. 1 Teil 5, 6, 7. 1929.
Jaworski, Hélan: Le Géon ou la Terre Vivante. Eighth edition. 1928.
Jentzer, J.: Traitment Biologique des Infections. 1928.
Johns Hopkins Hospital and University, Collected Reprints from the Gynecological Department. Two volumes. 1922–28.
Kaye, G. W. C.: Roentgenology. 1928.
Keen, W. W.: The Surgical Operations on President Cleveland in 1893. 1928.
Kenwood, H. R., and Kerr, H.: Hygiene and Public Health. (Eighth edition, Parkes and Kenwood.) 1929.
Knibbs, Sir G. H.: The Shadow of the World's Future. 1928.
Kolle, W., and Von Wassermann, A.: Handbuch der Pathogenen Mikroorganismen. Liefg. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29. 1928–29.
Lange, J.: Verbrechen als Schicksal. 1929.
Latif, A.: Health, its Recovery and Maintenance. 1928.
Lennox, W. G., and Cobb, S.: Epilepsy. 1928.
Long, E. R.: A History of Pathology. 1928.
Lowe, D. G. A., and Porritt, A. E.: Athletics. 1929.
Lyman, T.: The Spectroscopy of the Extreme Ultra-Violet. Second edition. 1928.
MacCallum, W. G.: A Text Book of Pathology. Fourth edition. 1928.
McCarrison, R.: Beri-Beri Columbarum. 1928.
MacCurdy, J. T.: Common Principles in Psychology and Physiology. 1928.
Macleod, J. J. R.: Fuel of Life. 1928.
Malloch, A.: William Harvey. 1929.

Manson's Tropical Diseases. Ninth edition. Edited by P. Manson-Bahr. 1929.
Marriott, W. McKim: Recent Advances in Chemistry. 1928.
Medical Annual. 1929.
Metzger, M.: L'Accoucheur Moderne. 1928.
Monceaux, R.: Troubles des Échanges Nutritifs dans la Tuberculose Pulmonaire. 1929.
Moxon, H. W.: A Patient's Manual of Diabetes. 1929.
Muir, R.: Textbook of Pathology. Second edition. 1929.
Neustaedter, M.: Textbook of Clinical Neurology. 1929.
Pharmacopoeia of King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, Bombay. Compiled by A. S. Erulkar. 1929.
Pomiane Pozerski, Hemmerdinger, Labbé, and Martel: Travaux Pratiques de Cuisine Raisonnée. 1928.
Pottenger, F. M.: Tuberculosis and How to Combat it. Second edition. 1929.
Rabe, F.: Richtlinien Diätetischer Therapie. 1928.
Rawlings, I. D.: The Rise and Fall of Disease in Illinois. Vol. 2. 1928.
Von Redwitz, E., and Fuss, H.: Die Pathogenese des Peptischen Geschwürs des Magen. 1928. (Neue Deutsche Chirurgie, Bd. 42.)
Researches Published from the Wards and Laboratories of the London Hospital during 1928. 1929.
Richter, B. F.: Wie soll der Arzt in der Praxis Stoffwechselkrankheiten behandeln? 1928.
Rockefeller Foundation. Methods and Problems of Medical Education. Tenth and eleventh series. 1928.
Roger, G. H., Widal, F., and Teissier, P. J.: Nouveau Traité de Médecine, Fasc. XXI. 1927. (Nerfs, Sympathique, Névroses.)
Russ, S.: Physics for Medical Students. 1928.
Shattock, C. E.: Handbook of Surgical Diagnosis. 1929.
Shore, W. T.: Trial of J. B. Rush. 1928.
Smith, F. J.: Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. Third edition. Revised by G. Jones. 1929.
Sobre-Casas, C., and Carranza, F. F.: Leucoplasie et Kraurosis Vulvaires. 1928.
Swanson, C. C.: Wheat Flour and Diet. 1928.
Taylor, W. S.: Morton Prince and Abnormal Psychology. 1928.
Thomsen, O.: Pathologisch-Anatomische Veränderungen über die congenitale syphilis bei dem Foetus und dem Neugeborenen Kind. 1928.
Tindal, D.: Gleanings from General Practice. 1929.
Tomson, B.: Prevention of Tuberculosis. 1929.
Tournay, R.: Les Varices, Pratiques des Injections Sclérosantes. 1929.
Turrell, W. J.: Principles of Electrotherapy. Second edition. 1929.
Tweedy's Practical Obstetrics. Sixth edition by Bethel Solomons. 1929.
Valentine, C. W.: The New Psychology of the Unconscious. 1928.
Ward, E.: Medical Adventure. 1929.
Warsamy, D.: Examen du Sang. 1928.
Weaver, G. H., et al (Editors): Practical Medicine Series. General Medicine. 1928.
Wertheimer, F. I., and Hesketh, F. E.: The Significance of Physical Constitution in Mental Diseases. 1926.
Wilson, A.: The Child of Circumstance. 1928.
Wood, Sir K.: Relief for the Ratepayer. 1929.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Commanders R. A. Brown and J. F. Ainley to the *Egmont* for R.N. Hospital, Malta; G. H. Hayes to the *Victory* for R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, and for duty with Medical Officer in charge, R.N. Hospital, Haslar, and as Naval Health Officer.

Surgeon Lieutenants E. E. Malone and G. A. Miller transferred to Permanent List with original seniority, October 14th, 1926, and October 18th, 1926, respectively; J. G. Corrie to the *Tamar* for R.N. Base, Singapore; R. C. Foster to the *Curlew*.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Lieutenants E. H. Parkinson, W. P. Elford, and E. I. Puddy to the *Victory* for R.N. Hospital, Haslar, for training.

P. B. Moroney has entered as probationary Surgeon Sublieutenant and attached to the Mersey Division, List 2.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-General Sir M. H. G. Fell, K.C.B., C.M.G., K.H.P., late R.A.M.C., retires on retired pay.

Major-General H. B. Fawcus, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., K.H.P., late R.A.M.C., to be Lieutenant-General.

Major-General Sir A. P. Blenkinsop, K.C.B., C.M.G., retired pay, is appointed Colonel Commandant, vice Major-General Sir M. W. O'Keeffe, K.C.M.G., C.B., LL.D.

Colonel W. R. Blackwell, C.M.G., late R.A.M.C., to be Major-General, vice Major-General H. B. Fawcus, promoted.

Major M. B. H. Ritchie, D.S.O., O.B.E., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet Colonel W. R. P. Goodwin, D.S.O., K.H.P., promoted.

Major T. H. Twigg is seconded for service under the Colonial Office.

Major F. C. Atkinson-Fleming, M.C., is placed on the half-pay list on account of ill-health.

Captain H. G. P. Armitage to be Major.

J. M. Gibson to be Lieutenant on probation.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain J. Rigby to be Major.

E. D. Gray (late Flying Officer, R.A.F.) to be Lieutenant with seniority August 13th, 1927.

VACANCIES.

ABERDEEN ROYAL MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Assistant Physician (male). Salary £250 per annum.

BATH: ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (male, unmarried). Salary £120 per annum.

BIRKENHEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Casualty Surgeon (male). Salary £100 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL.—Assistant Surgical Officer. Honorarium £200 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM: QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.—Medical Registrar. Salary £200 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM UNION.—(1) Resident Physician at Selly Oak Hospital. (2) Casualty Officer at Selly Oak Hospital. (3) Junior Assistant Medical Officers at Dudley Road Hospital. Salary for (1) £460 to £600, and for (2) and (3) £200 per annum.

BOLINGBROKE HOSPITAL, Wandsworth Common, S.W.11.—House-Physician (male). Salary £120 per annum.

BOOTLE BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Junior Medical Officer. Salary £125 per annum.

BOOTLE COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant School Medical Officer and Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary £600 per annum, rising to £750.

BOURNEMOUTH: ROYAL VICTORIA AND WEST HANTS HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male) at Poole Road Branch. Salary £120 per annum.

BRADFORD: ROYAL EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary £120 per annum.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE PROVIDENT DENTAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant Dental Surgeon.

BUXTON AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Gynaecologist.

CALCUTTA: PRESIDENCY COLLEGE.—Professor of Physiology. Pay Rs.1,000, rising to Rs.1,200 a calendar month, *plus* overseas pay for officer on non-Asiatic domicile.

CARDIFF CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Whitchurch.—Post-graduate Research Studentship. Honorarium £100 per annum, augmented by locum work to approximately £180.

CARMARTHEN: JOINT COUNTIES MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (unmarried). Salary £300 per annum.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Two Chief Clinical Assistants.

CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, Carlisle.—House-Physician (male). Salary £155 per annum.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND MENTAL HOSPITAL, Garlands.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male, unmarried). Salary £350 per annum, rising to £400, with £50 additional on obtaining D.P.M.

DARLINGTON COUNTY BOROUGH.—Deputy Medical Officer of Health. Salary £750 per annum.

DONCASTER: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Third House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

EXETER: ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.—Honorary Physician.

FOLKESTONE: ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers (female). Salary £125 and £100 per annum respectively.

GLASGOW: SOUTHERN GENERAL HOSPITAL, Govan.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £275 per annum.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY AND EYE INSTITUTION, Gloucester.—(1) Honorary Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgeon. (2) First House-Surgeon (male); salary £135 per annum.

GREAT YARMOUTH: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male, unmarried). Salary £100 per annum.

HALIFAX: ROYAL HALIFAX INFIRMARY.—Third House-Surgeon (male, unmarried). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.3.—Three House-Physicians. Honorarium £50 for six months.

HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS, Maida Vale, W.9.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) House-Physician. Salary £150 and £100 per annum respectively.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Third House-Surgeon. (2) Assistant House-Physician. Salary £150 and £130 per annum respectively.

INVERNESS: NORTHERN INFIRMARY.—Honorary Radiologist.

ISLINGTON DISPENSARY, 303, Upper Street, N.1.—Resident Medical Officer (lady, unmarried). Salary £300 per annum.

JEWISH MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Underwood Street, E.1.—Surgeon.

KETTERING AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum.

KING EDWARD VII WELSH NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer at the Glan Ely Tuberculosis Hospital, Fairwater, near Cardiff. Salary £250 per annum.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon.

LIVERPOOL STANLEY HOSPITAL.—Honorary Dermatologist.

LINDSEY (LINCS) COUNTY COUNCIL.—Lady Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £500 per annum, rising to £700.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon (male) to the Aural, Gynaecological, and Ophthalmic Departments. Salary £50 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITALS.—(1) Two House-Surgeons for the Whitworth Street West Hospital (Maternity). (2) Two House-Surgeons for Whitworth Park Hospital (Gynaecological). Salary at the rate of £50 per annum each.

MARGARET STREET HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, W.1.—Honorary Assistant Physician.

METROPOLITAN EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT HOSPITAL, 2, Fitzroy Square, W.1.—House-Surgeon (non-resident). Salary £150 per annum.

MOTHERWELL: BURGH OF MOTHERWELL AND WISHAW.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Resident Tuberculosis Officer (male). Salary £400 per annum, rising to £500.

NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL, Norwich.—House-Physician. Salary £120 per annum.

NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, Edmonton, N.18.—Second Assistant Surgeon (male). Salary £500 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM: CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary £350 per annum, rising to £400, with additional £50 on obtaining D.P.M.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Surgeon (male, unmarried). Salary £250 per annum, rising to £300.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, W.2.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Anaesthetist. Salary for (1) and (2) £150 per annum, and for (3) £75 per annum.

PAISLEY: DYKEBAR MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £300 or £350 per annum.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (male). Salary £180 per annum.

ROTHERHAM UNION.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer at Union Hospital (unmarried). Salary £125 per annum.

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street, W.1.—(1) Honorary Assistant Surgeon. (2) Three Surgical Registrars; honorarium £105 per annum.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, Lewisham, S.E.13.—(1) Male Casualty Officer. (2) Male House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL FOR CANCER, FISTULA, AND OTHER DISEASES OF THE RECTUM, City Road, E.C.1.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £75 per annum.

ST. PANCRAS PARISH.—Third Assistant Medical Officer at the Highgate Hospital. Salary £350 per annum.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, Henrietta Street, W.C.2.—Radiologist. Honorarium £25 per annum.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Casualty House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £125 per annum.

SALISBURY: GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer (male, unmarried). Salary £150 per annum.

SCUNTHORPE AND DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon (male, unmarried). Salary £250 per annum.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY, Greenwich, S.E.—Assistant Medical Officer at King George's Sanatorium for Sailors, Liphook. Salary £200 per annum.

Sheffield: South Yorkshire Mental Hospital.—Medical Officer (male, unmarried). Salary £400 per annum, rising to £500.

Southampton: Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital.—Casualty Officer. Salary £120.

Stafford: County Mental Hospital.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum, rising to £700, with £50 in addition if or when in possession of D.P.M.

Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert.—Third Assistant Medical Officer (lady). Salary £250 per annum.

Sudan Medical Department.—Medical Officer. Pay £E.720, rising to £E.1,200, a year.

West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.6.—(1) Non-resident House-Officer (part-time) for Children's Department; salary at the rate of £150 per annum. (2) Honorary Registrar for Throat, Nose, and Ear Department. (3) Senior Assistant Medical Officer and three Junior Assistant Medical Officers for the Venereal Diseases Department; salary for senior £450 and for juniors £350.

Weston-super-Mare General Hospital.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary £130 per annum.

Willesden General Hospital.—(1) Physician. (2) Resident House-Surgeon (male); salary £100 per annum.

Woolwich and District War Memorial Hospital, Shooters Hill, S.E.18.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Resident Medical Officer. Salary £125 and £200 per annum respectively.

Worcester General Infirmary.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary £120 per annum.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

Keele, C. A., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Resident Medical Officer of the Freemasons Hospital and Nursing Home.

Sims, Carol, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Woman Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health.

Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, N.W.1.—*Senior Resident Medical Officer:* Frank T. Doleman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Assistant Resident Medical Officer:* T. I. Hughes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *District Resident Medical Officer:* Miss C. M. Kingsmill, M.B., B.S. *Resident Anaesthetist:* Miss C. Leben, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Certifying Factory Surgeons.—J. P. Marren, M.B., B.Ch. N.U.I., for the Clwt-y-bont District, Caernarvon; A. H. Platt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., for the Acton and Ealing District, Middlesex.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

Royal Society of Medicine.

Section of Therapeutics.—Tues., 5 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. Philip Hamill: Some principles of therapeutics.

Section of Neurology.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. Gordon Holmes: Dissociation of the ocular movements.

Clinical Section.—Fri., 5 p.m., Cases.

Section of Ophthalmology.—Fri., 8 p.m., Cases. 8.30 p.m., Mr. E. E. Maddox: Demonstration of the cheiroscope; Miss Rosa Ford: Some ocular complications of nasal sepsis.

Biochemical Society, Biochemical Laboratory, Cambridge.—Sat., 3 p.m., F. G. Hopkins: Glutathione as a tripeptide; G. F. Marrian: An unidentified saturated alcohol in the urine of pregnancy; W. M. Wright and C. G. L. Wolf: The Fuchs reaction for the diagnosis of malignant tumours; L. H. Stickland (introduced by M. Stephenson): The bacterial decomposition of formic acid; J. Needham and D. M. Needham: Phosphorus metabolism of developing echinoderm eggs; W. B. Pleass: Cooling and heating curves of solutions of gelatin and the influence of hydrogen-ion concentration on the gelling of gelatin sols at various temperatures; H. J. Channon and G. A. Collinson: The acetone-ether soluble fraction of the fat of blood at fasting level; D. R. McCullagh: The measurement of heat production in biological material by means of a resistance thermometer. Demonstrations:—J. R. M. Innes and L. J. Harris: The histopathology of hypervitaminosis-D; D. R. McCullagh: Microcalorimeter.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

Fellowship of Medicine and Post-Graduate Medical Association, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—*Prince of Wales's Hospital*, Tottenham, N.15: Tues., 2.30 p.m., Ward Round; Wed., 2 p.m., Out-patients' Demonstration; no fee for either of these demonstrations. *National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart*, Westmoreland Street, W.1: Intensive Course, limited to an entry of twenty; fee £7 7s. for two weeks. *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine*, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C.1: Tues. and Thurs., 2 p.m., Lecture-Demonstrations; fee £2 2s. for eight demonstrations. Copies of syllabuses on application to the Fellowship of Medicine.

London School of Dermatology, St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Chesterfield Lectures. Tues., 5 p.m., Anatomy and Physiology of the Skin. Thurs., 5 p.m., Morphology and Histopathology of Elementary Lesions.

National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 12 noon, Pathology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., Disseminated Sclerosis. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Occupational Neuroses. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Some Heredo-familial Diseases. Fri., 12 noon, Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System; 3.30 p.m., Demonstration of Re-educational Methods.

North-East London Post-Graduate College, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics; Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics; Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Dental Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinics; Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Surgical, Medical, and Children's Diseases Clinics; Operations.

St. Paul's Hospital for Genito-Urinary Diseases, Endell Street, W.C.2.—Wed., 4.30 p.m., Common Infections of the Genito-urinary Tract. Tea at 4 p.m.

Liverpool University Clinical School Ante-Natal Clinics.—Royal Infirmary: Mon. and Thurs., 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 11.30 a.m.

Manchester Royal Infirmary.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., The Position of Surgery in the Treatment of Gastro-duodenal Ulceration. Fri., 4.15 p.m., The Relation of the Medical Profession with Coroners.

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Diary of the Association.

October.

4 Fri. Bournemouth Division: Town Hall, Bournemouth, 8 p.m. Dr. Amrein on the High Altitude Treatment of Phthisis.
Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch: Addenbrooke's Hospital, 2.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Hainstock Anderson on Pure Milk.
Chesterfield Division: Maternity Hospital, 8.15 p.m. Address by Mr. W. W. King on Practical Ante-natal Care and its Limitations.
Hereford Division: Herefordshire General Hospital, 3.30 p.m. Dr. E. Bulmer on Modern Views on Jaundice. Tea provided.
North Wales Branch: Colwyn Bay. B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. H. S. Souttar on Radium.

8 Tues. St. Pancras Division: B.M.A. House, 9 p.m. Dr. Eric Pritchard on Infant Feeding.
South Essex Division: Queen's Hotel, Westcliff. Address by the Deputy Medical Secretary on Hospital Problems.

9 Wed. London: Centenary Annual Meeting Committee, 2.30 p.m.
London: Committee *re* Local Government Act, 1929, 4 p.m.
Dartford Division: King Edward Hospital, Dartford. Mr. Alexander Galletly: Uterine Prolapse, 8.30 p.m.
Manchester Division: Booth Hall Infirmary, Blackley, 9 p.m. Cinematograph Demonstration by Dr. J. Stanley White.
South Middlesex Division: St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, 3.30 p.m. Dr. T. A. Ross on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Functional Nervous Disorder in General Practice.

10 Thurs. London: Library Subcommittee, 2.15 p.m.
Gloucestershire Branch: Royal Infirmary, Gloucester. Clinical Cases, 6.15 p.m. Followed by Supper at Spread Eagle Hotel.
Hampstead Division: Hampstead General Hospital. Special Meeting, 8.30 p.m. Ordinary Meeting, 9.15. Address by Dr. Leonard Willox on Myocardial Degeneration.
Portsmouth Division: Queen's Hotel, Southsea, 9.30 p.m. Address by Mr. Lockhart-Mummery on the Causes and Diagnosis of Chronic Obstruction of the Colon. Supper, 9 p.m.
Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division: Red Lion Hotel, Pontefract, 7.45 p.m. (Supper). B.M.A. Lecture by Professor John Fraser on Local and General Infections.
West Middlesex Division: King Edward Memorial Hospital, Ealing, 8.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. J. Stanley White on Some Recent Aspects of Biological Therapy.

11 Fri. City Division: Metropolitan Hospital, 4.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. W. H. McCullagh on Gynaecology. Tea, 4 p.m.
Hereford Division: Herefordshire General Hospital, 3 p.m. Lecture by Dr. P. C. Cloake on Modern Methods in the Treatment of Nervous Diseases.

15 Tues. Lewisham Division: Wellcome Museum of Medical Science, 33, Gordon Street, W.C.1, 3.30 p.m. First Meeting of Session. Tea.
South-West Essex Division: Wesleyan Schoolrooms, High Road, Leyton, 9.15 p.m. Sir Thomas Horder, Bt., on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Encephalitis.
South-Western Branch: Museum Hall, Torquay, 3 p.m. Dr. E. C. Edwards will open a discussion on the Policy of the British Medical Association on Payment of Medical Staffs of Hospitals under Hospital Contributory Schemes.

16 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.

17 Thurs. Swansea Division: Annual Dinner, Hotel Metropole.

18 Fri. Holland Division: Spalding, 3 p.m. Address by Dr. J. Stanley White on Some Recent Aspects of Biological Therapy.

23 Wed. Willesden Division: Willesden General Hospital, N.W. Speaker: Dr. Leonard G. Phillips, 9 p.m.

30 Wed. London: "Decisions of Association" Subcommittee, 2 p.m.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

Buckley.—On Sunday, September 29th, at Lorna Lodge Nursing Home, Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, to Eileen (*née* Heyworth), wife of G. H. Buckley, F.R.C.S.Ed., of Blackpool, the gift of a daughter.

Longford.—On September 12th, 1929, at Sans Souci Nursing Home, Windsor Gardens, 157, University Road, Belfast, to Elizabeth (*née* Dunn), wife of Dr. W. U. D. Longford of Rosebank, High Street, Holywood, County Down, Ireland, a son.

McLaggan.—On September 29th, to Elsa V. McLaggan, M.B., B.S. (*née* Adams), wife of J. D. McLaggan, F.R.C.S., of 15, Wimpole Street, W.1, a son.

MARRIAGES.

Colley-Nuttall.—On September 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, Bath, by the Rev. F. E. Murphy, Richard Colley, M.B., Ch.B.Vict., D.O.M.S., of 11, The Circus, Bath, elder son of Mr. P. Colley and Mrs. Colley of Didsbury, Manchester, to Alice May, only daughter of the late Mr. H. J. Nuttall, and grand-daughter of the late Major-General Sir James Mansfield Nuttall, K.C.B.

Murdy-Monro.—On September 28th, 1929, at St. James's, Muswell Hill, George Alexander Stoker Murdy, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Murdy, and Mary Alexandra Monro, M.B., B.S., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. R. Monro of Muswell Hill, N.

DEATH.

Mitchell.—On September 27th, at Aberdeen, Peter Mitchell, M.D., C.M., aged 65 years.

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